

Motto

Empty the Jar!

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures:

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii,^[a] and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

Luke 7:36-47 (NIV)

NOTE → this lesson plan is written for all ages but the wording may need to be adjusted for your age group.

(5 minutes) **Start eating.** Pray over the food. Distribute/pass the food quickly so you can get started with your table talk time.

(5 minutes) **Start thinking & talking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking. You don't need to ask all of the questions...just pick one that will get the group talking.

- READ THE SCRIPTURES ON THE LEFT
- What does the "jar" represent to the woman? (POSSIBLE ANSWERS → what she valued / the life she lived / what she put her trust in / her identity that she is now surrendering)
- What "jar" can you empty for God?

(10 minutes) **Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Who are you in this story...the woman or Simon? DISCUSS
- What do you need to do to become more like the woman?
- Are you ready to "Empty the Jar"?

(7 minutes) **Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

God, we know You've got a plan for each one of us. And we declare, 'You are worthy!' Today, we choose to "Empty the Jar!" We ask for Your help with this as it can be scary and difficult at times. Thank You, Jesus, for your unlimited grace. In Jesus Name. Amen!

(3 minutes) **Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Pastor Troy said, "At New Life we will be known for Expressive Worship & Extravagant Generosity."
- Are you "All in"? DISCUSS